

**STATEMENT OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
AND
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROLOGY
FOR
COOPERATION IN METROLOGY**

Article 1. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Statement of Intent (SOI) is to establish a framework for cooperation in measurement standards and related basic and applied physical and chemical sciences; and other related fields as may be mutually agreed.

It is proposed that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the Department of Commerce of the United States of America and the National Institute of Metrology (NIM) of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) provide a mechanism for cooperation in metrology. This document is a Statement of Intent of the Parties to cooperate and is not a legally binding document.

Article 2. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Parties agree that the above mentioned cooperation may include the following forms:

- 2.1 Exchanges of scientific and technical information and practices;
- 2.2 Research and development activities in the form of experiments, tests and other technical collaborative efforts in disciplines of mutual interest;
- 2.3 Exchanges of scientists, including short and long term visits by individuals or teams to the facilities of the other party;
- 2.4 Such forms of cooperation and collaboration as mutually agreed.

Article 3. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Decisions on funding for joint activities shall be made by agreement between the Parties. Neither party is required to obligate funds pursuant to this Statement of Intent.

Article 4. PLANNING AND REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The point of contact for the coordination of the activities under this Statement of Intent shall be the Office of International and Academic Affairs (OIAA) for NIST, and for NIM shall be the International Cooperation Office.

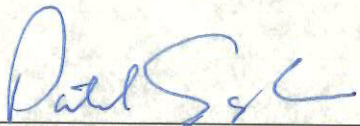
Article 5. MISCELLANEOUS

This Statement of Intent is not legally binding under domestic or international law. No legal rights or obligations are created by this Statement of Intent.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective authorities, have signed this Statement of Intent.

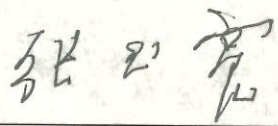
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